



# Join Us In Measuring Progress

A Monthly  
Assessment Newsletter  
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## Assessment for Learning

### MontCAS, Phase 1: Riverside—The Iowa Tests— Norm Referenced Test

Thank you for sending 2002-2003 test coordinator update information to Lindy Miller at OPI. The files are updated. Testing information and materials will be sent to the designated test coordinator for your district.

#### Reminder—

- The window for administering the 2003 Iowa Tests is March 10 – 28, 2003. Make-up tests are included in this window.
- The 2002 Special Session of the legislature allocated funds for the state to pay for the 2003 Iowa Tests in grades 4, 8, and 11. Therefore, schools will not incur this \$200,000 cost.
- Districts and the Office of Public Instruction will continue with the same procedures for materials for grades 4, 8, and 11. OPI will arrange with Riverside for materials for these grades.

#### Preliminary Timeline for Test Administration

<http://www.opi.state.mt.us/PDF/Assessment/2003PrelmTimeline.pdf>

**Training Workshops, Tentative Dates**  
Watch for details in the November and December **JUMP** newsletters.

- Feb. 6—Standard Administration Procedures for the Iowa Tests
- May 13—School and District Report Analysis



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### MontCAS, Phase 2: Measured Progress—Criterion Referenced Test

**THANK YOU** for the great response to the item writing and overview workshops. The Power Point presentation of the overview workshops is online:

<http://www.opi.state.mt.us/pdf/assessment/phase2overview.pdf>

#### Upcoming Professional and Test Development Activities

- Measured Progress is mailing confirmation letters to educators who registered for the workshops and meetings in October and November (see page 2).
- Expense reimbursement forms will be provided at the meetings.
- For educators requiring a substitute, substitute reimbursement forms will also be provided at the meetings.
- Please allow approximately six (6) weeks for reimbursement checks.

## Upcoming Professional and Test Development Activities

Teacher Workshops	Date	Time	City	Site
Standards-Based Classroom Standards-Based Classroom Standards-Based Classroom	Oct. 29 Oct. 30 Oct. 31	8:30 am - 3:00 pm. Breakfast and registration begin at 7:30 am. Lunch will be provided.	Great Falls Missoula Bozeman	Holiday Inn DoubleTree Hotel Holiday Inn
Standards-Based Classroom	Nov. 5		Glendive	Lodging: Best Western Meeting: Chamber of Commerce, Eastern Plains Event Center
Standards-Based Classroom	Nov. 7		Billings	Sheraton
Item Review Group	Nov. 4-5	9 am- 3:30 pm Breakfast begins at 8 am. Lunch will be provided.	Billings	Sheraton
Bias Review Group	Nov. 6	8:30 am - 4 pm. Breakfast begins at 7:30 am. Lunch will be provided.	Billings	Sheraton

## In the Spring— Pilot Test

April 2003—

Measured Progress will mail information directly to districts by December. Please watch for these.

## The Teacher as Assessor— Teacher Workshops

This workshop is tentatively set for the week of April 28, 2003. More details will be provided as the date approaches.

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